

# House File 295 - Introduced

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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 279.10, subsection 1, Code 2013, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 1. a. The school year shall begin on the first day of July  
4 and each regularly established elementary and secondary school  
5 shall begin no sooner than a day during the calendar week  
6 in which the first day of September falls but no later than  
7 the first Monday in December. However, if the first day of  
8 September falls on a Sunday, school may begin on a day during  
9 the calendar week which immediately precedes the first day of  
10 September. School shall continue for at least one hundred  
11 eighty days, except as provided in subsection 3, and may be  
12 maintained during the entire calendar year. However, if the  
13 board of directors of a district extends the school calendar  
14 because inclement weather caused the district to temporarily  
15 close school during the regular school calendar, the district  
16 may excuse a graduating senior who has met district or school  
17 requirements for graduation from attendance during the extended  
18 school calendar. A school corporation may begin employment  
19 of personnel for in-service training and development purposes  
20 before the date to begin elementary and secondary school.  
21 b. Each school district shall observe Dr. Martin Luther  
22 King, Jr. Day, the third Monday in January, as a holiday, and  
23 that holiday shall not count toward the minimum number of  
24 instructional days in the school calendar.

25 EXPLANATION

26 This bill requires each school district to observe Dr.  
27 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, the third Monday in January, as a  
28 holiday, and that holiday shall not count toward the minimum  
29 number of instructional days in the school calendar.